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For: N-[N-(3,3-DIMETHYLBUTYL)-1- $\alpha$ -  
ASPARTYL]-L-PHENYLALANINE 1-  
METHYL ESTER AS A SWEETENER IN  
CHEWING GUM

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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This paper is presented in connection with a Request for Continued Examination in the above-referenced application.

Please amend the application as follows:

Cancel Claim 25.

**Amend Claim 23 as follows:**

## Amended Claims—Clean Version

19. (Amended) A chewing gum composition comprising N-[N-(3,3-dimethylbutyl)-L- $\alpha$ -aspartyl]-L-phenylalanine 1-methyl ester in an amount effective to sweeten said chewing gum composition, wherein between 6 and 10 minutes of chewing time, the average sweetness intensity loss rate is less than 0.3 intensity units per minute.